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In re application of

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For: SOURCE NORMALIZATION TRAINING
FOR HMM MODELING OF SPEECH

Art Unit 2641

Examiner A. Azad

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

In response to the Office action dated March 27, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claim 10 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Applicant's Claim 10 is cancelled. Applicant's Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Juang et al. reference, U.S. Patent No. 5,812,972. Applicant's Claim 9 calls for transforming speech models, i.e. speech signal source representation. The speech input signal is not changed in applicant's teaching. The Juang et al. reference, U.S. Patent No. 5,812,972, explicitly states "transforms the input speech signal." See column 2, lines 35-38

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